

ABSTRACT

WA-VI-032

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 131(135)

1767 (reset 1902)

Harvey, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE, 131st Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON
MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 131 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 135)**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off east side of Rice Road/T-301 (Hill Road)

CITY, TOWN

Harvey

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Washington / PA: Fulton

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS N/A

PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT☒ PUBLIC☐ OCCUPIED☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ BUILDING(S)☐ PRIVATE☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ STRUCTURE☐ BOTH☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ SITE☐ PUBLIC ACQUISITION☐ ACCESSIBLE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☒ OBJECT☐ IN PROCESS☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ not applicable☐ NO☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER: State boundary marker**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/ Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Washington County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

WA-VI-032 entered 2/24/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Milestone No. 131(135) marks Mason and Dixon's 131st horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original milestone of 1767, in good condition, unaltered, stands about 10 inches above ground at its original site, preliminarily surveyed in 1766, monumented the following year and reset more securely in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is hilly deciduous woodlands interspersed with orchards, sparsely settled. The site is within Election District 5 of Washington County, MD, and Bethel Township of Fulton County, PA; on an east slope of a hill in Sawmill Hollow; about 1½ miles north-northeast of the scattered settlement of Harvey, MD; about 3900 feet due east of Rice Road/Hill Road (T-301) at the Line; about 2000 feet north of Resley Road; at a point about 150 feet west of a small stream and about 16 feet south of the old Columbia Gas pipeline. It is partially buried, nearly covered with moss and difficult to find. It cannot be seen from any road or from the pipeline, well protected by the camouflage (so much so, it could easily disappear into oblivion from neglect).

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and said to have originally measured about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more in length, cut to stand about 3 feet high with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing embellishments are the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk in the center of a plain shallow circle panel near the top. Reset in 1902 to stand presumably about 1½ feet high, it is now about 10 inches high, measures about 12½ inches on the north and south sides by about 11½ inches on the east and west sides. ^{and circle panels} The letters are clear ^{partially unexposed and} but the M is chipped; patches of fluting and margins remain; the top ^{and apex} planes are well preserved and with some fluting remaining; there are chips at the top corners ^{particularly the top southeast;} and all four sides are mottled by moss.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (reset 1902) ~~BUILDER/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Bellegrove (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1951 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 73522, northing 440036

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Washington

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY Fulton

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/3/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE;
MILESTONE NO. 131 (135)

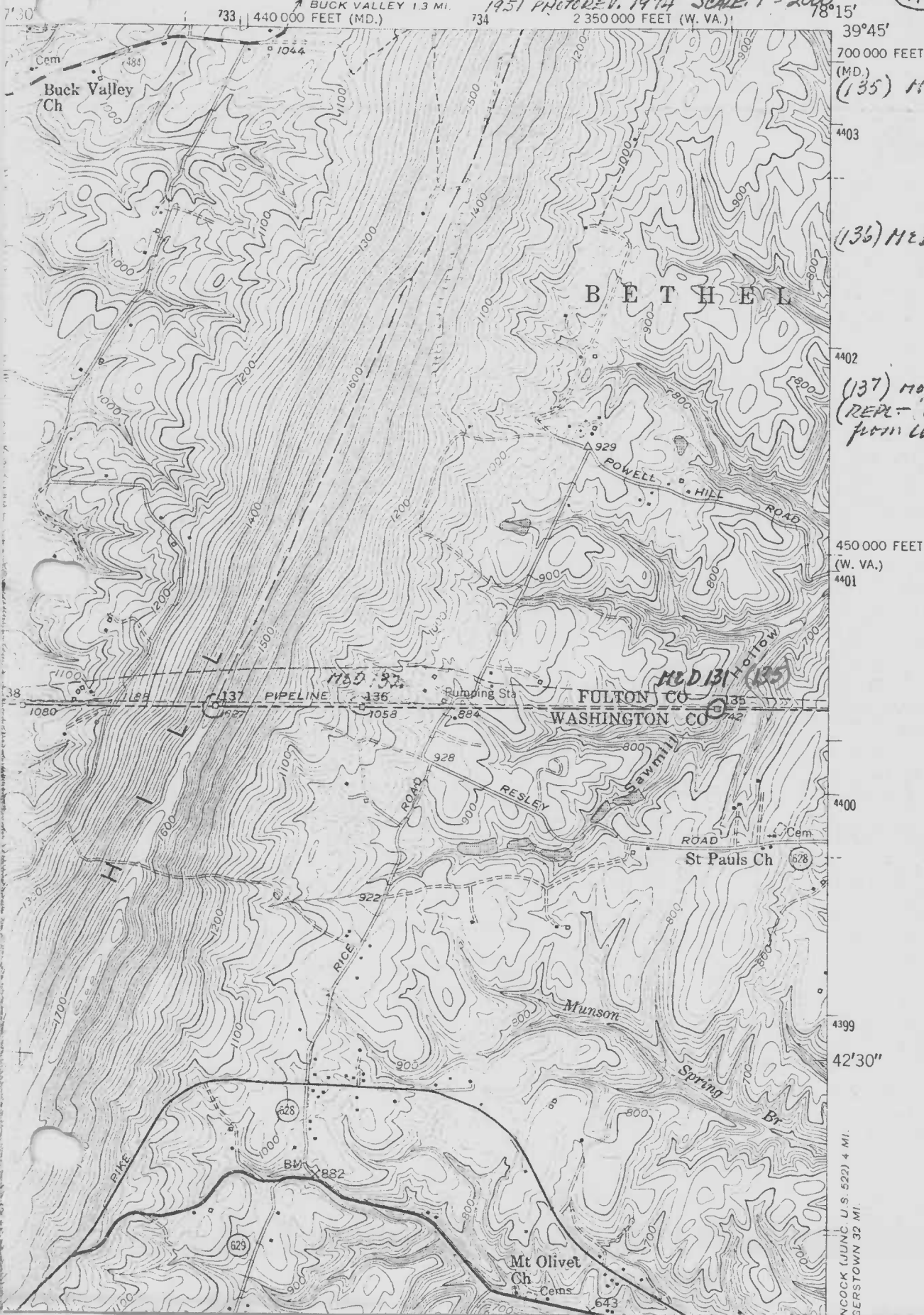
BELLE GROVE QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-WEST VIRGINIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

WARFORDSBURG 5.6 MI.
BUCK VALLEY 1.3 MI.
NE 1/4 PAW PAW 15' QUADRANGLE
1951 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1" = 2000'

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5363 1 SW
(NEED MORE)

WASHINGTON CO. +
ALLEGANY CO. (21)



39°45'
700 000 FEET
(MD.)
(135) MED 131: ORIG

(136) MED 132: ORIG

(137) MOUND OF STONES +
(REPL - ORIG - MED CREEKSTONE
from clearing)

450 000 FEET
(W. VA.)
4401

4400

4399

42°30"

COCK (JUN. U.S. 522) 4 MI.
GERSTOWN 32 MI.



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MASON = DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE 131 (135)
ORIGINAL (1767)

NE CORNER (-/P)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/3/81 (1981-37-22)



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MASON DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE 131 (134)
ORIGINAL (1767)

SW CORNER (-/M)

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